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TITLE OF INVENTION: STANDARD ATTACHMENT FITTINGS FOR WIRE ROPE AND CHAIN ENHANCED TO ALSO PERFORM LOAD WEIGHING FUNCTION

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In re application of: Gerald S. Simons

Serial No.: 09/996,725

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For: Standard Attachment Fittings For Wire Rope And Chain Enhanced To Also Perform Load Weighing Functions

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Respectfully submitted,

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